

I fully support XM radio's ability to offer new services and features without the threat of giant media conglomerates interfering with them! I PAY for this service, freely and without coercion...I bitterly resent the NAB and its powerful lobbyists telling me what I can and cannot listen to when I PAY FOR IT!!! It's none of their dam business!! If they want me to listen to my "local" radio...then GIVE ME SOMETHING AS GOOD AS XM...in other words...COMPETE!!! Local radio is not local when these conglomerates dictate programming and content from distant headquarter cities far away from me in Savannah, GA. There is only one local station in this market not owned by these national bully boys! So I say to Cumulus, Clear Channel & the others...don't give me this crap about local this & that! These stations are nothing but homogenized pap designed to sound the same no matter where you are coast to coast. Restricted playlists, muzzled "disc jockeys", the same bland playlist of no more than about thirty songs...it goes on & on. XM is no different than cable TV. It provides a refreshing alternative to "over the air" broadcasters in terms of everything that these conglomerate owners WON'T LET LOCAL STATIONS DO!!! That's why we subscribers are willing to pay for XM. It gives us WHAT WE WANT!! I repeat...it gives us what WE want! If the NAB is so upset at XM offering local traffic and weather for selected cities, then let the stations do it better! That's what competition in the marketplace is for. I should have the freedom to enjoy a pay subscription service as I wish, OR listen to local stations IF I WISH, as well. I don't "pay" for them. Should I? Of course not! The advertisers do. But I don't have to put up with advertising being constantly shoved down my throat! I have an alternative. And I don't want the FCC interfering with it unjustly. Send this dinosaur (Petition 04-160) packing and let innovation and technology thrive for more consumer freedom and choice!